

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8004

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Wanda Willis, executive director of the Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities, on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those laudable State employees whose commitment to excellence and dedication to public service have brought untold benefits to the citizens of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Wanda Willis, who will soon be taking her much-deserved retirement as executive director of the Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary State employee for forty-four years, Wanda Willis has dedicated her life to the disability field; and

WHEREAS, a passionate supporter of people with disabilities, Ms. Willis has always said that people with disabilities will exceed our highest expectations every time, and it is the responsibility of those working in the disability field to remove the limitations that we inadvertently project; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Willis has also been a steadfast champion of the notion that government and advocates can get more done when they work together and focus on common ground; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Willis's legacy is exemplified by her success in making the Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities a leader in the nation by uniting citizens and advocates with State officials toward a common goal; and

WHEREAS, highly respected and admired by her peers, Wanda Willis is the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from national disability advocates; and

WHEREAS, wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service, Ms. Willis has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity throughout her laudable career, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the colleagues with whom she worked and the citizens of this great State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize Wanda Willis on the occasion of her retirement as executive director of the Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities, commend her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.